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Two New Maryland Port Commissioners Appointed

Baltimore, MD (September 30, 2004) – Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. has appointed two well-known Marylanders to the Maryland Port Commission. John G. Gary of Anne Arundel County and Michael G. Martino of Harford County. Commissioner John Gary, prior to his recent appointment, was a member of the House of Delegates from 1982 to 1994. From 1994 to 1998, he was Anne Arundel County Executive.

“These new additions will add a fresh perspective to the Board. With fresh faces come fresh ideas,” said Governor Ehrlich. “Their vitality and willingness to serve will further enhance the capabilities of the Commission.”

Gary and Martino join two other Ehrlich appointees: former Prince George’s County Executive Wayne Curry and maritime attorney George Doub III.

“The appointments of Commissioners Gary and Martino, with their experience in the respective fields of government and business will add a new dynamics to the Port Commission,” said Maryland Department of Transportation Secretary, Robert L. Flanagan.

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“John’s previous service on the House Appropriations Committee, in the past, will be extremely useful when working with legislative leaders on fiscal plans for Port projects,” said Jim White, Executive Director of the Maryland Port Administration.

“The Port is a big business and there will be constant dealings with the Legislature,” explained Commissioner Gary. “From years of legislative experience, I know the value of the Port and its economic impact on the entire State.”

The second addition to the Maryland Port Commission is Michael G. Martino.

For over two decades, Commissioner Martino has worked in the automotive industry as a dealer of Volvos, as well as liaison with car manufacturers.

“Mike’s expertise in the automotive industry will bring to the table a significant wealth of knowledge about that industry. Since the Port of Baltimore is America’s # 2 auto port and # 1 in roll-on/roll-off cargo, his experience in this field will be invaluable,” said Jim White.

“The amount of acreage necessary to accommodate what is stored in the Port’s terminals is enormous. When automotive dealers come into Baltimore City and view the port they realize that we have some of the best facilities in the nation to meet their needs. I want to be part of a group of people who will spread the word about the greatness of our Port,” said Commissioner Martino.

Membership to the Maryland Port Commission is by appointment from the Governor with the advice and consent of the Maryland Senate. Commissioner terms are for three years. The Commission is comprised of six Commissioners and the Secretary of Maryland Department of Transportation, Robert L. Flanagan.

Previously appointed members of the Commission include, Robert Sewall of Riverdale and Fred Wineland of Prince George’s County, whose terms expire in 2005.

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